

THE

STATUTES

OF THE

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University in Cambridge,

RELATING TO THE

DEGREE OF DOCTOR IN MEDICINE.

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STATUTES, &c.

I.

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE of this University shall consist of the President, and of the Professors and Lecturers authorized to give instruction to the medical students. This faculty shall always have a Dean elected by themselves, for such periods, as they may think proper, and may also adopt rules for their own government, provided that the same do not, in any respect, contravene the laws of the University.

II.

Students of medicine, designing to attend the medical lectures, or any of them, shall be matriculated in this University, by entering their names with the Dean of the faculty of medicine, to be enrolled by him; and by signing an obligation to submit to the laws of the University, and to the direction of the faculty of medicine.

III.

There shall be four meetings holden in this University annually, by the faculty of medicine, for the purpose of examining candidates for the degree of doctor of medicine. Two of these meetings shall be for private examinations, and shall be holden in the Massachusetts Medical College in Boston; and two of them shall be for public examina-

tions, and shall be holden in some one of the halls of the University in Cambridge. Three members of the faculty at least shall be present at every examination. The first meeting for private examinations in every year shall be holden on the day, next succeeding that on which the winter courses of medical lectures shall terminate, at ten o'clock A. M. The second meeting for private examinations shall be holden on the Monday next but one preceding the day of the annual commencement in the University, at ten o'clock A. M. In extraordinary cases the faculty may hold meetings for private examinations at other periods. The meetings for public examinations shall be holden on such days as the President may appoint, provided that the same shall take place within one week after the termination of the stated annual meetings for private examinations respectively. All the meetings described in this statute may be continued by adjournment. The meetings for the public examinations shall be open to the Governors and instructors of the University, to the fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and to such other respectable persons as may choose to attend them.

IV.

Candidates for the degree of Doctor of medicine must comply with the following conditions, before being admitted to private examinations, viz :

1. They shall have attended two courses of the lectures delivered at the Massachusetts Medical College on each of the following subjects, viz :

Anatomy and Surgery—Chemistry—and the Theory and Practice of Physic.

2. They shall have employed three years in their professional studies, under the direction of a regular practitioner of medicine.

3. Those, who have not received an University education, shall satisfy the faculty of medicine in respect to their knowledge of the Latin language and experimental philosophy.

4. Every candidate, intending to offer himself for private examination shall, three weeks previously, give notice of his intention to the Dean of the faculty, and shall at the same time deliver, or transmit to the Dean a dissertation, written by himself, on some subject connected with medicine. Every dissertation shall be submitted, by the Dean, to the examination of the faculty in the mode which they shall point out.

V.

At the meetings for private examinations, the faculty shall examine all those candidates, who shall present themselves, after having complied with the conditions enumerated in the fourth of these statutes, upon the following branches of medical science, *viz.* ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, MATERIA MEDICA, PHARMACY, MIDWIFERY, SURGERY, *and* THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. At these meetings every candidate shall be examined separately, and the decision of the faculty in respect to each, shall be made and declared to him immediately after the examination has closed. The decision in respect to each candidate shall be determined by the votes of the major part of the members of the faculty, present at the examination of the same; and this decision, if favourable to the candidate, shall be recorded by the Dean. In the decisions to be made at these meetings, regard shall be had to the dissertations, as well as to the examinations.

VI.

Those candidates, who have been approved according to the fifth of these statutes, may present themselves at the public examination, next ensuing after such approbation. Each candidate, so presenting himself, shall then read and defend, or be examined upon the dissertation, which he shall have previously submitted to the faculty. At the close of each public examination, the faculty shall decide, in respect to each candidate, whether he shall be recommended as worthy of the degree for which he has applied. The decision of the faculty in respect to all those candidates, whom they do so recommend, shall be recorded by the Dean and shall by him be certified to the President, to be laid before the *SENATUS ACADEMICUS*. The candidates will learn the decisions in respect to them by application to the President.

VII.

Those candidates, who have received from the *Senatus Academicus* the final approbation, will, be directed by the President to appear at Cambridge, at such time as he may appoint, and he will then admit each of them, with the accustomed solemnities, to the degree of doctor of medicine.

NOTE.

THE lectures for medical students on the various branches mentioned in the statutes, are delivered at the Massachusetts Medical College in Boston, and commence annually on the third Wednesday in November. They continue three months. During the lectures, the students may find in the town various opportunities for practical instruction.

The Hollis Professor of natural philosophy will admit medical students to attend the lectures on natural and experimental philosophy. The lectures are delivered in the Philosophy Hall at Cambridge, four days in the week, between the middle of March and the middle of July annually. In order to their admission such students must produce, to the Professor above mentioned, a certificate of their matriculation from the Dean of the faculty of medicine, and another certificate from the Steward of the University that they have paid him seven dollars for the Treasurer. Other persons may be admitted to the same lectures, with the approbation of the President, and producing a certificate from the Steward that they have paid ten dollars. Application to be made in writing to the College Registrar.

The fee for the degree of Doctor of medicine is to be paid to the College Treasurer. The fee is twenty dollars for a person who has not taken a degree of Bachelor of arts at any College or University; fifteen dollars for one who has taken the degree of Bachelor; and ten dollars for one who has taken the degree of Master of Arts.

It is to be desired that all candidates for the degree of doctor of medicine should comply with the foregoing statutes; but in cases where they operate as *ex post facto* laws, and thereby occasion any considerable inconvenience to candidates, exemptions will be made by the faculty of medicine.

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